

# St. Francis Xavier Senior School

## REVISED MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Dear Parents,

The Board of Management have recently reviewed the school mobile phone policy in light of a series of recent phone related incidents and in order to protect your children. The changes to our policy are highlighted below. Please note that **this revised policy will be effective from Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. The current policy is valid until that date. Pupils with current registered mobile phones are asked to re-register their phones, if still required, before the start of Term 2.

At St. Francis Xavier Senior School, the use of mobile phones is not encouraged. We do however, understand that there are some exceptional cases. Please note that where parents grant permission for their child to own a mobile phone, the responsibility for the use of this phone is with the parents and not with the school.

If you wish your child to carry a mobile phone to school please read the following carefully. Our policy is as follows:-

1. Mobile phones are NEVER to be brought to the school unless you, the parents, deem it absolutely necessary and have met with school management.
2. The Mobile Phone Agreement Form is to be read by both parent and child, completed and returned to school.
3. Should a mobile phone be deemed necessary, then with the exception of medical grounds, the only type of phone permitted is a basic phone with NO Internet Access and NO Camera. Such phones are available for purchase from stores such as Tesco.
4. Mobile phones are **NOT** permitted to be turned on while pupils are in the school building **NOR** on the school grounds. Mobile phones should be kept in the pupil's bag at all times.
5. Sending of vulgar or obscene texts, calls or images will be dealt with by the Behaviour Committee and the phone will be confiscated and the pupil will no longer be permitted to have a phone.
6. The school accepts no responsibility for loss of, damage to, or theft of any mobile phone.

7. No child is to give the phone numbers of other children to a third party.
8. Taking photographs or videos on school premises is prohibited at all times.
9. **Mobile phones must be registered before being allowed in school.**

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10. **Breach of any of the above rules will result in confiscation of the child's phone which will only be returned after a meeting with parents. Furthermore, the pupil will not be permitted to have a mobile phone for the remainder of their time at SFX Senior School.**

Any subsequent breach of this policy will result in further sanctions in line with our Code of Behaviour.

*\*Please see attached page for the Mobile Phone Agreement Form.*

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**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SENIOR SCHOOL**  
**MOBILE PHONE AGREEMENT FORM**

**Parent Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent of \_\_\_\_\_ have  
read the school policy on

mobile phones. I have discussed the policy with my child and we agree to follow the  
school

procedures.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT

## Pupil Declaration

I have discussed the school policy about the use of mobile phones with my parent(s). I promise to

follow the policy.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS TEACHER:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHILD